



Helping students navigate from passion to profession.

Career Clueless?

Follow the three-step instructions below to discover your career interests.
It's easy – and fun.

1. Circle the subjects, activities, or people that are the most appealing to you.
2. Count the number of times you circled in each section. Write this number below the section.
3. Write the letters from the three sections containing the highest numbers below, from greatest to smallest. This is your career code.

Farming
Auto mechanics
Carpentry
Setting type for a print job
Wildlife biology
Building things
Fixing electrical things
Driving a truck

Total R= _____

Advanced math
Astronomy
Physics
Using a chemistry set
Being in a science fair
Doing puzzles
Building rocket models
Working in a science lab

Total I= _____

Being in a play
Drawing or painting
Foreign languages
Reading about art or music
Going to concerts
Fashion design
Creative writing
Playing an instrument

Total A= _____

Studying foreign cultures
Community service
Teaching children
Helping people
Making new friends
Attending sports events
Belonging to a club
Working with elderly people

Total S= _____

Talking with people at a party
Working on a sales campaign
Buying materials for a store
Selling a product
Being with leaders
Being elected class president
Giving speeches
Talking to salespersons

Total E= _____

Word processing on a computer
Using a cash register
Working 9 to 5
Typing reports
Following a budget
Using business machines
Keeping detailed reports
Filing letters and reports

Total C= _____

My Career Code: _____

Career Codes: Interest Survey

R = REALISTIC

Realistic people have athletic or mechanical abilities. They usually like to work outdoors with objects, machines, tools, plants, or animals.

Auto body repairer	Electrician
Landscaper	Farmer
Cabinet maker	Mechanic
Commercial driver	Surveyor

I = INVESTIGATIVE

Investigative people like to observe, learn, investigate, analyze, evaluate, or solve problems.

Engineer	Meteorologist
Chemist	Doctor
Biologist	Pharmacist
Fire investigator	Veterinarian

A = ARTISTIC

Artistic people have innovative or intuitive abilities. They usually like to work in an unstructured situation, using their imagination or creativity.

Actor/actress	Interior decorator
Architect	Musician
Composer	Stage director
Dancer	Writer

S = SOCIAL

Social people like to work with others. They like to inform, enlighten, help, train, develop, or cure people. They also may be skilled with words.

Teacher	Athletic trainer
Counselor	Dental hygienist
Psychologist	Physical therapist
Speech therapist	Probation officer

E = ENTERPRISING

Enterprising people also like to work with people, but they like to influence, persuade, or perform. They like to lead or manage for organizational goals or economic gain.

Salesperson	Manager
Buyer	Lawyer
Flight attendant	Insurance agent
Cosmetologist	Travel agent

C = CONVENTIONAL

Conventional people like to work with data, have clerical or numerical ability, and pay attention to detail.

Accountant	Receptionist
Air traffic controller	Secretary
Computer operator	Tax preparer
Telephone operator	Mail carrier

Do you feel that you fit?

It's okay if you don't think you fit any of the results above. Most occupations include more than one career code letter. For example, while doctors are mainly investigative, they also fall within the social and artistic areas. Interest inventories can help you explore career ideas that may not have occurred to you, but they are not meant to limit your choices.

Now what?

You may want to talk with a school counselor about your preferences and career options, or investigate your career options through the Learn More Resource Center, www.iowa.gov/educate.

1 Talk to your school counselor.

2 Drop your career code into the RIASEC Entry tool on the Learn More Resource Center Web site at www.iowa.gov/educate

3 Explore a career that matches your interests.